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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 724)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 3, 2010)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to veterans records by requiring county
2 recorders to provide copies of certain records to the
3 department of veterans affairs and the county commission of
4 veterans affairs and by requiring the department of veterans
5 affairs to provide copies of certain discharge documents to
6 the county commissions of veteran affairs.
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 35A.5, Code Supplement 2009, is amended
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 14A. a. Provide a copy of the certificate
4 of release or discharge from active duty to the county
5 commission of veteran affairs for the county where the released
6 or discharged individual resides within thirty days of
7 receiving the certificate of release or discharge from active
8 duty from the applicable branch of service.

9 b. A certificate of release or discharge from active duty
10 that is received by the department shall be considered a
11 confidential record for purposes of chapter 22 and shall only
12 be made available pursuant to paragraph "a", unless otherwise
13 authorized by law in connection with the department's official
14 duties. The county commission of veteran affairs and its
15 employees or agents shall be subject to the same state and
16 federal confidentiality restrictions and requirements that are
17 imposed on the department.

18 Sec. 2. Section 331.608, subsection 6, paragraph e, Code
19 Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

20 e. When otherwise required by a department or agency of
21 the federal or state government or a political subdivision.
22 The recorder shall make these records available to the
23 department of veterans affairs and the county commission of
24 veteran affairs. For records recorded before, on, or after
25 the effective date of this Act, the recorder shall provide a
26 copy of each such record to the county commission of veteran
27 affairs and to the department of veterans affairs. Copies of
28 records recorded before the effective date of this Act shall be
29 provided not later than January 1, 2011. For records recorded
30 on or after the effective date of this Act, such copies shall
31 be provided within thirty days of recording. The department of
32 veterans affairs and its employees and the county commission of
33 veteran affairs and its employees shall be subject to the same
34 state and federal confidentiality restrictions and requirements
35 that are imposed on the recorder.